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<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>  Address to: Commissioner for Patents Box RCE Washington, DC 20231	Application Number	09/385,959
	Filing Date	August 30, 1999
	First Named Inventor	Toshiharu Yanagida
	Art Unit	2822
	Examiner Name	D. Graybill
	Attorney Docket No.	09792909-4298

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

**1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
  - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
  - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
  - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_


**2. Miscellaneous**


- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(l) required)
- b. ☐ Other

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any discrepancies, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-3140
  - i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
  - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
  - iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the filing fee of \$770.00 to American Express credit card. Form 2038 is attached for that purpose.

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**AMENDMENT "F" ACCOMPANYING RCE**

APPLICANT(S):	Tohisharu Yanagida	OLD DOCKET NO.: P99,1318
		NEW DOCKET NO.: 09792909-4298
SERIAL NO.:	09/385,959	GROUP ART UNIT: 2822
DATE FILED:	August 30, 1999	EXAMINER: D. Graybill
INVENTION:	"SEMICONDUCTOR APPARATUS AND PROCESS OF PRODUCTION THEREOF"	

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This Amendment "F" accompanies an RCE and is filed in response to the Final Office Action of August 10, 2004. Please reconsider the application in view of the remarks presented below.